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For : PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR SUSTAINED  
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks following.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from July 20, 2001 up to and including October 20, 2001. Enclosed is a check for \$920 to